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Mysterious green lights seen near Missouri City

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Little green lights, but (thankfully) no little green men, hovered briefly over Fort Bend County late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

A local radio station said Wednesday that callers reported "several sightings of UFOs" but learned from police at Missouri City they were phosphorescent objects hung on telephone wires.

The police, however, said they had no reports of this and neither did the sheriff's department at Richmond. The department said it got a report of a UFO sighting around Arcola Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Newell of the Quail Valley subdivision in Missouri City said there were no wires where they watched the lights for about 45 minutes, beginning about midnight.

Mrs. Newell said several other people stopped their cars to observe them. "They were five green lights in perfect formation," she said. "They looked like they had been suspended at the end of something. They were very brilliant green — like Christmas bulbs but larger.

"It was the strangest thing that I have ever-seen."

Newell said the lights looked like five numbers on a dice. They were in formation and, though there was no wind, they moved slightly back and forth over a lake off Texas 6 about two miles southeast of Missouri City, he said.

They were obviously not spaceships, he said. They appeared to be several hundred yards high in the air and several hundred yards off the highway. He said they could have been on a clear piece of cellophane.

"I did not see any telephone wire," said Newell, who revisited the scene Wednesday and found nothing.

Newell said he had another odd experience, which might have been related, about the same time Monday night. He was at home at the time.

"All of a sudden, I heard a noise just like a buzzer go off just outside my front door," he said. "It went off three or four times. It scared the hell out of me."

Newell said he went outside but no one was near the house.

"It was the strangest thing," he said. "I don't know if there was a connection or not."